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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6448

BILL NUMBER: SB 175

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 26, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Paternity.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Waterman

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that a person previously ordered to pay child support is entitled to a new hearing if a genetic test establishes that the person is not the biological parent of the child.

Effective Date: July 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: This bill allows the potential for additional hearings from which the county and state may receive court fees. Any additional revenues are likely to be small.

Background Information: The court may, on its own motion or on the motion of any party, order an additional genetic test. Payment for the testing would ultimately be the responsibility of the moving parties. Under current arrangement, the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) approves a series of laboratories to conduct genetic testing to determine paternity. The average test cost is \$195 for three individuals: the mother, child, and putative father. If the paternity testing is performed privately, the average cost is \$455.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: See *Explanation of State Revenues*.

State Agencies Affected: Family and Social Services Administration.

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts.

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